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## **INVESTIGATION OF SEXUAL MOLESTATION LEADS TO SWIFT ARREST OF SEX OFFENDER**

*Public Safety Officers Ask Public for Information, Help in Case.  
Seek Other Possible Victims of Local Tennis Instructor, Registered Sex Offender*

**SUNNYVALE, California** – Sunnyvale's Department of Public Safety (DPS) arrested Matt Montana, a 61-year-old resident of San Jose, for allegedly engaging in sexual misconduct with an underage female. The victim of the alleged sexual molestation contacted DPS and presented evidence that Montana, a former tennis instructor at the Sunnyvale Tennis Center, had unlawful sexual contact with her when she was a minor. Officers immediately initiated an investigation and, as part of that investigation, identified an additional juvenile female victim.

Montana will be arraigned in Santa Clara Superior Court today, December 14, 2016. The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office has charged him with continuous sexual abuse of a child and multiple counts of lewd and lascivious acts involving children. Montana is a registered sex offender since 1996. He is listed on the Megan's Law website for a previous conviction of Penal Code 243.4(a) - sexual battery.

At the time of his arrest, on December 5, 2016, Montana was providing private tennis lessons using the tennis courts at De Anza College and West Valley College. Investigators believe that Montana may also have given tennis lessons to adults and youth at tennis courts at parks in Sunnyvale, Cupertino and San Jose.

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“We are asking anyone who may have additional information about Mr. Montana to contact Sunnyvale DPS about any illegal sexual behavior,” said Chief Frank Grgurina.

At this time, investigators have no information that Montana victimized other children.

**Anyone with information related to this investigation is urged to contact the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Investigations Unit at (408) 730-7120.**

**Incident#: CR16-8490**

## **BACKGROUND**

Regarded as one of the safest cities in the nation, the City of Sunnyvale takes very seriously reports of misconduct or allegations of criminal acts and acts quickly to determine whether a crime or misconduct has occurred. In this case, once notified, the Department of Public Safety immediately conducted an investigation and made an arrest thereafter; Montana is currently in custody in the Santa Clara County Jail.

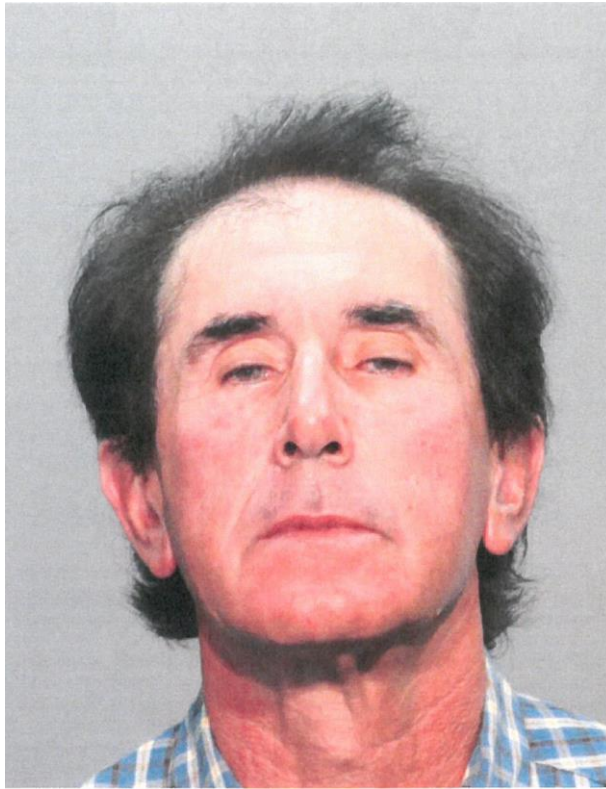
The City has contracted out the operation of tennis programs since the late 1970s. These operators function as independent contractors. Between 2004 and 2011, the City contracted with BG Tennis to operate the Sunnyvale Tennis Center and provide tennis lessons at other city locations. Montana allegedly failed to disclose his sex offender registration requirements to BG Tennis as required by law. In late 2011, BG Tennis notified the City of its interest to cease operations. The City assumed operation for the tennis program from January 2012 through April 2012 while it sought another operator.

Since May 2012, the City has contracted with Lifetime Tennis to provide lessons at the Sunnyvale Tennis Center. The City of Sunnyvale and Lifetime Tennis are committed to providing tennis lessons in a safe environment. Lifetime Tennis has assured the City that it maintains a thorough employment application process and is in full compliance with the legal requirements for working with youth. Lifetime Tennis requires all potential employees to undergo a complete application process which includes providing personal information and work history, along with LiveScan fingerprinting and California Department of Justice background clearance.

## **MATT MONTANA**

The alleged perpetrator is a 61 year old male who resides in San Jose. In 1996, he was convicted of sexual battery and sentenced to three years of probation and one year of jail time. Mr. Montana subsequently failed probation and was in prison until 1999. As a condition of his release, Mr. Montana was required to register with the San Jose Police as a sex offender which he did.

Mr. Montana chose not to proceed with the Lifetime Tennis employment application process in 2012 and his tennis instructor services in Sunnyvale were terminated upon completion of previously scheduled programs.



Matt Reza Montana

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